

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, undated, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. My dear Alec:

I suppose you have been thinking all manner of hard things of me for not writing or telegraphing, but I knew I had written Mamma and thought she would tell you I was all right. Besides which if I hadn't arrived safely you would have had telegrams enough.

I have done the little matter of business you desired, but it has taken longer than you thought. First I went in and signed my name and asked for the money. Easier asked than done, I had to wait until next day when I received and deposited the cheque at Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Co., to the credit of my account only. This morning comes a note from the brokers wanting an order on a Mr. Hubbard for certificate of share. An inquiry by telephone having elicited the fact that Uncle Eustis was the person intended, (I thought all our business was out of his hands) I wrote desired order. Enclosed I send all papers I mean documents bearing upon the subject. "Ain't" I grand. The children are as well as can be, I have been very busy trying with rather indifferent success to get them winter or rather fall clothes. I shall have to get some myself, and they will cost a great deal of money, but I must look respectably mustn't I. How are you succeeding on your paper, and have you heard of a house. I want to have Elsie lay the foundation stone of our house, and put a box underneath it.

I have sent you all the letters for you I have received. Take care of yourself my dear husband for my sake and your childrens.

I am so sorry Louisa is not well yet, tell me all about her. Did you give Harriet the baby things?

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With very much love, Lovingly, Mabel. (letter unsigned) Oh — by the way, did you know that Mr. Mark Whitwell of Bristol, Eng., and his daughter were in this country, they called to see us, and are going to Newport today for a week, they may go to Washington.